

back in,  
I stayed at my  
place.

and then the one  
who was 30 years younger  
saw me and  
told me I was looking good  
and she started coming  
by

and I decided  
I'd keep them both --  
one to worry me sick  
and thin me down  
and the other to  
pump me  
full of sweet.

but I screwed that up.  
I met a 31 year old  
divorcee  
from Texas  
who looked like  
a young Katherine Hepburn  
and I went down there  
and she introduced me  
to the works of  
Borges.

-- Charles Bukowski

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#### THE HUNDRED-WORD STORY

A man decides to write a story that will be a hundred words long -- not ninety, or a hundred thirteen, but exactly a hundred. He knows it must be a real story, with a plot -- in this case, a man writing a story -- and some conflict -- the need to make the story exactly a hundred words. About halfway through, he begins to worry that he will not be able to do what he wants. What if he cannot say everything in a hundred words? He is afraid that he will either have to stop in the middle of a sentence.

-- F. Keith Wahle

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